

take up the Sriram Sagar high level canal to meet irrigation needs of Karimnagar and Nalgonda districts of Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken proposed for the execution of the project?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) and (b). The feasibility report envisaging withdrawal of surplus (flood) flows from Sriramsagar Reservoir available during the good years and storing the same into three balancing reservoirs to irrigation 89,000 hectares of upland areas in Karim Nagar, Warangal and Nalgonda Districts of Andhra Pradesh at an estimated cost of Rs. 656.30 crores was received in the Central Water Commission in 1986. On examination, it was found that the project was not attractive from investment angle in view of high capital and operating cost and also in view of the substantial submersion involved in the balancing reservoirs. The State Government was accordingly informed in June, 1987. The State Government is engaged in preparation of alternative proposals.

[Translation]

Approval of Power Projects

6102. SHRI CHHEDI PASWAN: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of power project approved in the country during the last three years;

(b) whether priority has been given to the project of Bihar while approving the above projects; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) 50 Power Projects have been approved by the Central Electricity Authority during the last 3 years, viz 1989-90, 1990-91 and 1991-92.

(b) and (c). Scheme for development of power in the country are approved on the basis of their techno-economic viability

depending on the availability of resources and oil or essential inputs.

[English]

Bakeshwar Project

6103. SHRI PIUS TIRKEY:
SHRI SANAT KUMAR
MANDAL:

Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bakeshwar thermal power project in West Bengal has been delinked from the Soviet aid and has been passed to the Overseas Economic Co-operation Fund (OECF) of Japan for a Yen loan;

(b) if so, the whether the OECF officials have examined this proposal; and

(c) if so, the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The OECF is currently evaluating the project.

Telecast of Malayalam Feature Films

6104. SHRI P. C. THOMAS:
SHRI V. S. VIJAYAR-
AGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Malayalam feature films telecast in the National Network during 1991-92;

(b) whether the number to Malayalam films telecast is comparatively low as compared to other regional language films;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government propose to telecast more Malayalam films in the National Network in the coming months;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the criteria for telecast of the regional language films on Delhi Doordarshan?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRJA VYAS):
(a) Seven. (Koodevide, Noketha Doorathu Kannum Nattu, Ilakangal, Kolangal, Nam-mukku Parkan Munthiri Thoppukal, Oridathu, Chemeen.)

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) and (e). Regional feature films including Malayalam are telecast in their turn and the present arrangement is considered adequate for Doordarshan. Films which fulfil the prescribed eligibility criteria, if offered for telecast by the Producers/right-holders will be considered for telecast by Doordarshan on merit.

(f) The eligibility criteria for screening regional language feature films on the national network is given in the .ement below.

Feature films which fulfill any of the following criteria or have won any of the following national/state awards, as the case may be only are considered for telecast on the national network of Doordarshan: -

- (i) National award for the Best or Second Best feature film of the year (In all languages combined).
- (ii) Indira Gandhi Award for Best first film of a Director.
- (iii) Award for best film providing popular and wholesome entertainment.
- (iv) Nargis Dutt Award for Best Feature Film on National Integration.
- (v) Best film on Family Welfare.
- (vi) Best film on other Social issue such as prohibition, women and child welfare, anti-dowry, drug abuse etc.
- (vii) Films which have won the 'Certificated of Merit' in the National Film

Festivals.

- (viii) President's Award of 'Rajat Kamal' for the Best Feature Film in an Indian language.
- (ix) Entry in the Indian Panorama and mainstream Sections of any International Film Festival of India/ Filmotsav
- (x) State Government Awards for the Best Feature Film.
- (xi) State Government Awards for Best Direction.
- (xii) Films which have won any two State Government awards (other than those mentioned above).
- (xiii) Films which have celebrated Silver Jubile (having run continuously for 25 weeks) and carry a 'U' certificate.

Disinvestment of Holdings of Air India and Indian Airlines

6105. SHRI RAM NAIK:
SHRI BASU DEB ACHARI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have approved disinvestment of Government holdings in the Air India and the Indian Airlines; and

(b) if so, the salient features thereof including the amount of disinvestment in respect of paid up capital in these two airlines?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b). Two Companies under the Companies Act, 1956, namely, Indian Airlines Ltd. and Air India Ltd. are intended to be incorporated to replace the two Air Corporations, i. e. Indian Airlines and Air India to enable them mobilise capital to meet growth requirements, provide opportunity of participation in the shareholding of the companies to workers in the first instance and later, if necessary, to mutual funds, financial institutions and general public. It is proposed in this connection to bring about suitable legislative measure for which a Bill will be introduced for